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Read the following:-
From the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards P.D.L. 48-A/W dated 1.10.47. From D.P.H Rc. 76958-1-E/P dated 11.12.47.

ORDER:

The Inspector of Municial Councils and Local Boards has proposed that in view of the unsatisfactory financial position of local bodies, the expenditure incurred in connection with the prevention and control of epidemics such as Plague and Cholera may be met entirely from Provincial funds. Maintenance of Public Health is one of the primary statutory functions of local authorities. Prevention and Control of epidemics is part of this function and any expenditure incurred in this connection should be met entirely by the local authorities themselves. In the case of plague the Government have made an exception and bear a portion of the expenditure as this epidemic is more dangerous than others calling for emergent action. Occasionally when a local authority is too impecunious expenditure on Cholera epidemics also. Whatever contribution the Government may make towards the cost on epidemics should be considered a relief by the local authorities; but they must continue to shoulder the responsibility imposed on them by the statute. In the circumstances, the Government see no reason to accept the proposal of the Inspector.

(Govt make grant to in aids)

Sd/- x x
Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector of Municipal Councils of Local Boards,.
To the Director of Public Health.

(True copy)

Superintendent,
Madras Record Office.

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